

Appl. No. 10/019,676
Supp. Amdt. Dated December 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 9, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 73-91 and 94-100 are pending in the present application. Claims 92-93 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 101 and 102 are cancelled.

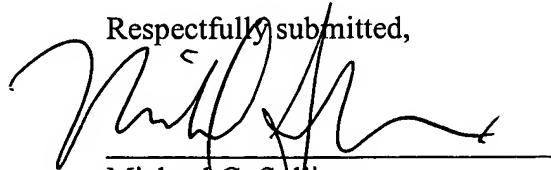
Further to Applicants' Amendment After Final, submitted on December 9, 2004, Applicants have cancelled (without prejudice to later filing in a continuation application) claims 101-102.

Reconsideration of the instant application and early notice of allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it will expedite allowance of the application.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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Respectfully submitted,



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